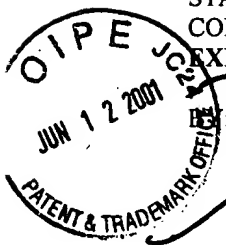


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration are made to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001 (Paper No. 19), having a three month shortened statutory period for response.

~~Please amend the claims of the application as follows, without prejudice:~~

5. The magnetically actuated coupler assembly [1]6 wherein the coupler knuckle contains a slot, an edge of which interacts with one of the stops of the coupler head to limit the capability of the coupler knuckle to open.

6. A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car comprising:

- (a) a drawbar with first and second ends, capable of being pivotally mounted within a coupler pocket of a model railroad car;
- (b) a leaf spring formed as an integral part of the first end of the drawbar which extends from the first end of the drawbar;
- (c) a coupler head secured to the second end of the drawbar.